**Strategy for labour reforms**

818. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy has been worked out to bring about labour reforms;

(b) if so, what goals have been set out thereunder, both for the organized and unorganized sectors, and the time-frame set out therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that major part of the work, both in public as well as private sectors, is presently carried out through contract labour, on daily wages terms, and a ban has been imposed on recruitment of regular staff in Government departments and undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Review/updation of labour laws, by way of labour reforms, is a continuous process in order to bring them in tune with the emerging needs of the economy. The applicability of these laws to different categories of workers is defined in the Act themselves.

(c) Types of workers recruited in private and public sectors depend upon work requirement. According to information received from the Department of Public enterprises, it has not issued any instructions imposing ban on recruitment of regular staff in Central Public Sector Enterprises. According to information received form the Department of Expenditure, recruitment to direct recruitment vacancies in the Government are regulated under Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.05.2001 on optimization of direct recruitment to civilian posts and Department of Expenditure has no instructions on ban on recruitment.

**Plight of workers in ship breaking Industry in Gujarat**

819. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the plight of workers in ship-breaking industry particularly at Alang in Gujarat, which is the biggest ship breaking yard in the country; and